

(c) and (d) In the States where monsoon became erratic after advanced rains in June, agricultural labourers/farm workers were engaged in the programmes sponsored by Ministry of Rural Development under wage employment and self employment programme being run by the State Governments. In the States of U.P and Bihar where situation was more acute agricultural labourers were employed through implementation of this programme to benefit them.

Flood and Cyclone Reliefs to Victims in Andaman and Nicobar Islands

5829. SHRI MANORANJAN BHAKTA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether flood and cyclone reliefs disbursed to the victims in Andaman and Nicobar Islands were incomplete and some of the victims absent on that date were not subsequently paid;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether large number of complaints were received and the Andaman and Nicobar Administration ordered a Magisterial inquiry; and

(d) if so, the findings of the inquiry and the action taken by the government thereon?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE: (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): (a) to (c). The relief assistance was to be distributed by Heads of Departments in the presence of area Councilor according to a time schedule for disbursement. Some of the persons did not turn up for receiving the relief assistance at the notified time. A magisterial inquiry into certain allegations of irregularity was also ordered. Hence further disbursement of relief assistance was withheld.

(d) The findings of the inquiry report and the details of the action taken thereon are being ascertained from the Union Territory Administration.

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Telecom Facilities In Andaman and Nicobar Islands

5830. SHRI MANORANJAN BHAKTA: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the target dates which were fixed for extending telecommunication facilities (other than Port Blair and Car Nicobar Islands) in the Union Territory of Andaman & Nicobar Islands;

(b) the actual achievements thereof;

(c) whether the Government propose to provide STD facilities to other Islands leaving Port Blair and Car Nicobar where STD is already in existence; and

(d) if so, the details programmes in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS: (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) it has been planned to extend telecommunication facilities in Andaman & Nicobar Islands by 31st. March, 1992.

(b) The telecommunication facilities have been extended to:-

1. Goracharma
2. Wimberliganj
3. Nancowrie
4. Brichganj
5. Mayabander
6. Campbel Bay

(c) Yes Sir.

(d) It has been planned to provide STD facilities to Campbell Bay & Noncowrie (Kamorta) by 31st.March,92.

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New Regional passport office in Pune, Maharashtra

5831. SHRI ANNA JOSHI: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to open a new Regional Passport office in Pune, Maharashtra; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS: (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) No, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

205 *Maharashtra*
Expansion and Modernisation of Telephone Exchanges in Pune

5832. SHRI ANNA JOSHI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any plan to expand and modernise telephone exchanges in Pune District of Maharashtra; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS: (SHRI RAJESH PILOT): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) (i) Out of total 107 telephone ex-

changes in Pune District, 20 are already Electronic Exchanges.

(ii) 77 Small and Medium capacity exchanges are planned to be modernised and expanded progressively during 1991-95.

(iii) 5 main existing electronic exchanges are planned for expansion during 1991-95.

206 *Agriculture, Maharashtra*
Sugarcane Production

5833. SHRI ANNA JOSHI : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state :

(a) the production of sugarcane during 1990-91 in Maharashtra District-wise;

(b) whether the production of sugarcane has increased/decreased in certain districts, if so, details thereof; and

(c) whether some sugar factories are unable to crush the sugarcane; if so, the names of those sugar factories?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI MULLAPPALLY RAMACHANDRAN): (a) and (b). A Statement giving districtwise estimates of production of sugarcane during 1990-91 and 1989-90 in Maharashtra is Annexed.

(c) Yes, Sir. The names of factories in Maharashtra which were unable to crush some sugarcane during the season 1990-91 are as follows :

<i>District</i>	<i>Name of the Sugar Factory</i>
1. Ahmednagar	Jagdamba Cooperative Sugar Mill Srigonda Cooperative Sugar Mill